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AMENDMENT

Responsive to the Office Action mailed September 25, 2001, reconsideration of the above-noted application is requested in view of the following:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1 and 12 as follows:

SUB A1

1. (Amended) A data-centric hazard communication apparatus comprising:

a) an authoring module having an automated means for decompiling material data, an automated means for associating the decompiled data with hazard information, and a means for recompiling material data associated with hazard information to provide hazard information about the material, its components, decomposition products of the material, and substances related to the material; and

b) a means for disseminating hazard information about said material, its components, decomposition products of the material, and substances related to the material wherein said means for disseminating hazard information communicates with said authoring module.

12. (Amended) The machine of claim 11 wherein said computer programming code comprises software.